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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is responsive to the Office Action of May 20, 2005, in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-37 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Stamps (www.stamps.com). Reconsideration of this rejection is requested in view of these remarks and the attached affidavit by the undersigned.

The Stamps reference constitutes two pages that were printed from the Internet website of the United States Postal Service. These pages deal with a service offered by the United States Postal Service under the mark "NetStamps." These pages provide a quick reference guide for a user of NetStamps, but they do not bear a date of publication. An attorney formerly with this firm, who for a time was prosecuting the instant application, downloaded these pages from the Internet more than a year following the August 17, 2001 filing date of the instant application, and cited the Stamps reference in a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.